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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
The Secretary of DefenseSUBJECT: DOD Authorization Bill and Chemical Weapons
Program

Senator Mack Mattingly, in the attached letter to the President, recommends that some photographs and information related to Soviet chemical and biological activities be declassified and released to the public.

Mattingly argues that such a release is necessary to obtain approval for our chemical program request. I believe that a selective release, if possible, could be helpful.

I would appreciate you touching base with Bill Casey on this to see what can be done. Considering that the Conference Action on the Chemical Program will probably take place prior to the August recess, your recommendation should be provided as soon as possible.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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William P. Clark

Attachment

cc: The Director of Central Intelligence

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